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more capacity: Auctions for new transport capacities start on March 6, 2017

Supplementary Terms and Conditions of Business to create new capacities published

Düsseldorf/Hanover/Kassel/Leipzig. The five **more capacity** partners Fluxys Deutschland GmbH, GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, NEL Gastransport GmbH and ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH have published their Supplementary Terms and Conditions of Business to create new transport capacities for H gas on their respective company homepages. These form the basis for the annual auctions being held on March 6, 2017 on the European capacity platform PRISMA.

The auctions are a further milestone in the process that has been ongoing since summer 2015: Previously, the new capacities, which were requested in a non-binding market survey, were translated into specific proposals for expanding the network in a manner that makes economic sense. To increase the binding nature as a prerequisite for the further development of the measures, existing capacities and those to be newly created at the boundaries of the GASPOOL market area will be auctioned. The auctions will take place in parallel on PRISMA in line with the ENTSOG auction calendar.

The Supplementary Terms and Conditions of Business and preliminary contracts of the **more capacity** partners published on time and already consulted in summer 2016 define the details for marketing the new capacities. It is envisaged, for example, that transport customers first have to book the existing capacities in full before new capacities can be made available to them. The relevant nodes at the market area transition points have also been published.

As a complement to the network development plan (NDP) process, the **more capacity** initiators GASCADE, Gasunie Deutschland and ONTRAS conducted a market survey from August 21 through October 16, 2015, to determine the need for new transport capacities for H gas along the boundaries of the GASPOOL market area. The aim was to project future demand for new cross-market-area transport capacities as early and as realistically as possible in order to support the expansion of the gas pipeline infrastructure in line with the European internal market and supply security. Overall, eight market players submitted 73 individual inquiries that extend to the year 2041. Fluxys Deutschland joined **more capacity** in April 2016, followed by NEL Gastransport in July 2016.

You can find more information on the procedure and the documents under consultation at the homepages of the **more capacity** partners and at: www.more-capacity.eu.